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OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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BULLETIN NO: 23.

Thursday 2nd December, 2021.

DECEMBER IS ROTARY DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH.

Club meets at the **WAGGA WAGGA COUNTRY CLUB, 6:00 PM for 6.30 PM** (unless stated otherwise below).

Duty Roster Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty & inform our Bulletin Reporter.:-

Date:	Thursday 9 th Dec.	Thursday 16 th Dec.	Thursday 23 rd Dec.
PROGRAMME:	Can-Assist. Venue Wagga Men's Shed	Club Christmas Party.	<div style="background-color: #FF0000; width: 100%; height: 100%; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> NO MEETING </div>
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Brad Bland	Not Required (see below)	
GREETER:	Not Required	Not Required	
SHORT & SWEET:	Graeme Callander	Kris Kringle/Secret Santa (see below)	
FINES-MASTER:	Peter Smart	David Wynne	
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Mike Murray	Not Required	
VOTE OF THANKS:	Mary Ann Kelly	Not Required	
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Vida Smart	Peter Veerhuis	
MEETINGS:	Nil	Nil	

IMPORTANT: If you're unable to attend a meeting? **Please lodge an apology with THE COUNTRY CLUB OFFICE**

☎ 6922 6444 (Ext 1) by **NOON on TUESDAY** (or pre-record same in the book provided at the meeting attendance table). Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest to a meeting.

MEETING REPORT: -

Attendance.



It was an unfortunate series of events that saw our meeting time clash with that of the Clontarf Academy Presentation/BBQ night – consequently only Twenty five members could attend this Club meeting – many others were either in attendance at the Clontarf function or ‘manning the barbecue’ for that event.

Under the skilful chairmanship of PP David Payne our meeting proceeded and we warmly, once again, welcomed visitors Elle Palmer & Cat Daley, as well as our Key-Note Speakers from the Viterra Agricultural Network, John Marshall & Kate Green.

Administration Matters.

- David remarked that there was a number of members at Merry Cross’ funeral and complimented Graham Russell on his delivery of the eulogy.
- David also congratulated Don & Yvonne Pembleton on their fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.
- Graeme Callander sought numbers (for catering) for our Club Christmas function (16th December). Any members not in attendance should contact Graeme (Mob: 0412 072 711) to ensure that their attendance/apology is recorded.
- Terry Mecham informed us that he has received enquiries regarding his health – he has recently been subjected to several medical examinations and is currently awaiting the results. It is possible that he may need to travel to Sydney for bypass surgery.

Short & Sweet.

Shashir spoke on the fact that we are becoming a cashless society. One of the most noteworthy development is the use of electronic payments – and this trend is expected to intensify due to Covid 19.

The use of Credit & Debit cards has been growing strongly in recent years, particularly for lower value tap and go transactions. While the use of mobile devices for point of sale is still relatively low they are now a common way of making on-line and person-to-person payments through apps.



The use of cheques in Australia has declined by around 85% over the past two decades.

The Australian Banks’ 2019 Consumer payments survey provides further evidence that consumers are increasingly using electronic forms of payments in lieu of cash for many transactions

Overall we are moving towards the cashless society and the use of cash and cheques is on the decline.

Shishir stated that ‘Tap & Go’ is the new norm and mobile payment are the lifeline for the new generation. Shishir feels sure that in the future we will all be using our mobiles to pay our fines here at Rotary.

Fines-Master Session.

Don Pembleton once again ably filled the Club Coffers with his fine session.



Terry Mecham was fined for winning the raffle along with the usual birthday and anniversary people (including himself celebrating his 50th Wedding anniversary).

He also fined Terry’s table who between them, claimed that they had clocked up 463 years.

Don informed us that the Australian Government had sought advice from the Australian Medical Association regarding the opening up of the country after the Covid Lockdown. Here are some of the results the Government received: -

- Many pathologists yelled “over my dead body”
- The Paediatricians said “oh, Grow up!”
- The Plastic Surgeons decided that it would put a whole new face on it.
- The cardiologists didn’t have the heart to say no.

All people who had visited a doctor, been vaccinated, had not visited a doctor etc. gratefully contributed to the Club’s consolidated revenue.

Key-Note Speakers.

Brad Bland introduced our Key-Note speakers for the evening, Kate Green & John Marshall who are the local face for the Viterro Agricultural Network (previously known as Grain-Corp).



Kate opened the presentation by informing us that Viterro is an international corporation with operations in the Wagga & Port Kembla regions. The company markets agricultural products both nationally and internationally. It services some thirty-seven countries and has more than 17,500 employees. There are 190 (plus) ships under contract and in 2020 they moved over 90 million metric tonnes of agricultural commodities.

Sea Freight is at a 13 year high as supply and demand significantly change, this put a strong demand on the fleet traffic.

John explained that because of the drought in Canada, below average supplies in Europe and the wet harvest locally there has been huge pressure on the supply chain. Lower production has led to higher prices. As a result of the low global stock levels many countries have turned to Australia to supply the short fall.

Our wet weather has of course made a significant difference. Good quality wheat is earning \$400 a tonne but this depends entirely on the quality of the grain.

Peter Olson thanked our guests for their very interesting talk and presented them with the customary certificate as a token of our appreciation.

Club Christmas Party.

Our meeting on 16th December is the final meeting for 2021 – it is our annual Club Christmas function and will be fully catered by our old friends Doris & Daryl Lamont. Normal start time; i.e. 6:00 PM for 6:30 PM.

The cost is \$45-00 per person and as previously advised, pre-payment is requested (so that the Attendance Committee can also enjoy the evening). If you haven’t yet paid please pay at the attendance table next week.



The venue is Paul & Judy Galloway’s home at 41 Plumpton Rd (the entrance driveway is next door to Burringa Motel). Best car-parking is along the eastern side of Plumpton Road where the Bike Path provides easy access to Paul’s driveway.

Don’t forget to bring a small novelty gift (of maximum value \$5-00) that can be randomly distributed as Secret Santa/Kris Kringle.

THE JESSE BOARDMAN PROJECT (A Service Account Fund-Raiser): -

As reported previously, Jess is a young allied health professional with responsibilities in Cootamundra. He needs assistance to transport himself and his equipment to Cootamundra & return on the Wednesdays listed below -

- 15th December,
- 22nd December,
- 29th December.

For each of these days, he is prepared to make a donation of \$100 to our Club Service Account.

Peter Veerhuis is coordinating this project and if you have any of these Wednesdays free, and can help out, please let Peter know (Mob) 0447 694 401 or (02) 6926 6609.

PLEASE BLOCK-OUT THE FOLLOWING DATES IN YOUR DIARY: -

- ◆ **16th December** **Wagga Rotary Christmas Party – don't forget the Kris Kringle!**
- ◆ **24th March 2022** **Wagga Rotary Shine Recognition Function**
- ◆ **21/22 May 2022** **Wagga Rotary BOOK FAIR**

NEXT MEETING: -

Please note that the meeting for Thursday 9th December is being hosted at the **WAGGA MEN'S SHED** (not the Country Club).



Mike Murray has invited a speaker from Can Assist to provide us with an update of their activities. This organisation is committed to ensuring that all people, regardless of where they live in NSW, have equitable access to cancer treatment and care by providing financial assistance, practical support and raising awareness of the inequities.

Their volunteer network ensures that country people are given the same opportunities and treatment choices as those who live in city centres. This should be an interesting and informative presentation.

**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THAT CATERING NUMBERS ARE NOW REQUIRED BY
NOON ON THE TUESDAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**



DECEMBER IS ROTARY DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH: -

As we all know, in order to advance our theme for 2021/22 (***Serve to Change Lives***), Rotary is dedicated to Six Areas Of Focus. Our key areas of focus for the month of December is Disease Prevention & Treatment.



Rotary's top priority is the eradication of polio, but Rotarians take on far greater responsibilities to fight disease. We set up health camps and training facilities in undeveloped countries and in communities struggling with HIV/AIDS and Malaria. We design and build the infrastructure for doctors, nurses, governments, and partners to reach the one in six people in the world who can't afford to pay for health care.

Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, from supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure.

The world relies on Rotary to tackle these global challenges, and to set an example for others to follow.

Here are some suggestions on how Rotary clubs, Districts and our service partners address these needs both locally and internationally:

- Support health education programs that explain how diseases are spread and promote ways to reduce the risk of transmission.
- Help immunize people against infectious diseases.
- Support continuing education and training for health workers through scholarships, and public recognition.
- Improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in underserved areas.
- Improve sanitation facilities by providing toilets and latrines that flush into a sewer or safe enclosure.
- Promote good hygiene habits through education. Proper hand washing with soap and water can reduce diarrhoea cases by up to 35%.
- Develop or support programs that provide immunizations and antibiotics. Measles, malaria, pneumonia, AIDS, and diarrhoeal diseases are the leading causes of death in children under five.

SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



Peter moves the Vote-of-Thanks on our behalf.



Brad introducing the Key-Note Speakers.

- Birthdays:** Carol Murray & Gordon Saggars (both 7/12) and Yvonne Pembleton (10/12)
- Rotary Anniversaries:** Peter Olson (12/11/20 + 1988-2002 Wagga).
- Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil.



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So I was at Walmart earlier
A lady was looking at frozen turkeys, but she couldn't find one big enough.
She asked the stock boy, "do these turkeys get any bigger?"
He replied with a straight face, "No ma'am, they're dead."
Made my week

When you just can't be bothered to put in the effort



Beer is now cheaper than petrol – drink – don't drive.